

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The incorporation of borates during the manufacture of lignocellulosic based thermoplastic materials will increase their resistance to surface impairment caused by mold as well as increase their resistance to fungal decay. For resistance to surface impairment, the preferred amount is 3 to 5 percent of zinc borate, calcium borate, or boric acid. When fungal decay resistance is needed the preferred amount is 0.5 to 2 percent of calcium borate or boric acid.